Model Rocketry Encampment

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Great Lakes Region North - Michigan Wing - Model Rocketry School

Senior Officer Staff:

Capt Kristine Hurd: Director, Instructor

Lt Col Mark Sinicki: Instructor, master modeler, National Association of Rocketry (NAR) member

Capt Bradley Stricker: Instructor, master modeler

Maj Betty Dumont: Administrator, TCO

1st Lt Michael Hurd: Male barrack TAC Officer

TBD: Female barrack TAC Officer

Cadet Staff:

MRE Flight Commander, student instructor TBD

MRE Flight Sergeant, student Instructor TBD

News:

The dates for the 2008 Model Rocketry Encampment are 12- 19 July 2007

Program Description:

Founded: This encampment was founded in the summer of 2004 by Maj Betty Dumont, who served on MIWG staff as the Internal AEO and then most recently as the Director of Aerospace Education.

Purpose: This camp was designed to help cadets earn their Model Rocketry badge and Senior Members learn how to teach the MR program for their home squadrons, by pooling equipment, knowledge and manpower. The model rocketry program may not have been made available in their home squadrons and this is a place to make it happen.

Goal: The Rocketry program is geared toward coaching each cadet through the steps they need to pass all 3 tests (yes you will be studying along with building), successfully build and qualify-launch their rockets in order to earn their badge.

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(Note: It IS possible to come away from rocketry encampment without your badge if you don't pass the tests and qualify your rockets. That has NEVER happened and our instructors are going to do whatever they can to make it a successful camp for everyone.)

In order to attend M.R.E.: You MUST have graduated from a Cadet BASIC encampment!

What you can expect:

One week of eating, sleeping, and breathing, model rocketry! Below is a tentative outline of what to expect each day:

Wake up: 0530 (5:30 am)

PT: 0600

Reveille: 0645

AM meal: 0700

Personal prep for class: 0730

AM instruction/launch prep: 0800

AM launch: 1000

Afternoon meal: 1200

PM instruction/launch prep: 1300

PM launch (as needed): 1400

PM meal: 1700

PM instruction (as needed): 1730

Mail call: 1830

Evening Flight time/PT: 1900

Personal barrack time: 2000

Lights out: 2100 (9:00 pm)

Your instructors/TAC officers expect the same discipline and behavior expected of you at Basic Encampment. You will be expected to keep customs and courtesies at all times. Your barracks are expected to be clean and orderly, with personal items properly stowed. You will be expected to keep the same grooming, hygiene, and uniform standards kept in line with CAP regulations. We will be in the direct, hot sun for our launch times- water and sunscreen will be your new best friends. Canteens will be issued upon check in if you don't have your own.

Graduation: Friday, July 18th at 1530hrs (this is separate from Basic Encampment graduation. Because of this,

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cadets can be released to you Friday evening *or* Saturday morning with everyone else per your preference). Parents are encouraged to attend MRE graduation. If you plan on staying until the next day for Basic Encampment Graduation, private lodging arrangements will need to be made. Note: barrack areas will be cleaned and inspected before cadets will be released from camp.

Cost: \$295 -(basic fee of \$220 plus \$75) This includes costs for 1 week of billeting, 21 meals, rocketry instruction, and all supplies associated with rocketry. Rocket motors are very expensive and make up a large percentage of the supply cost. You will also receive Rocketry Encampment shirt and head gear. It will be yours to keep and worn as part of your rocketry uniform for the week.

Application: An encampment application has been mailed to each member. There is a "Model Rocketry Encampment" section to mark on the application. The fee must be paid at the time of application. Due to supply counts and costs there will be no "walk in" attendees to Rocketry Camp. This means you can not show up to Alpena expecting to participate without giving prior notification to the Rocketry Director.

Requirements:

Prior attendance to any basic encampment.

Application Form sent in with proper signatures and fee.

Studied Aerospace Dimension: Module 4: "Rockets" prior to encampment